

**ASSISTANT UNITED STATES ATTORNEY  
(TWO YEAR TERM APPOINTMENT)  
UNITED STATES ATTORNEY'S OFFICE  
Honorable Joyce White Vance  
Northern District of Alabama  
Vacancy Announcement Number 12-NDAL-04**

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**About the Office:**

The United States Attorney's Office prosecutes federal criminal offenses, and defends the U.S. Government's interest in civil cases. The United States Attorney's Office for the Northern District of Alabama covers 31 of the state's 67 counties, and has a branch office located in Huntsville, Alabama.

**Responsibilities and  
Opportunity Offered:**

This announcement is for a 2-year term position in the Criminal Division, Asset Forfeiture Unit. The person selected will work closely with a senior IRS agent and local law enforcement officers on a task force assigned to investigate illegal structuring of financial transactions and the operation of unregistered money service businesses and will review certain reports filed by financial institutions alerting law enforcement to possible violations of federal statutes. The person selected will be responsible for the development and management of investigations from the task force which will lead to civil seizures of financial assets and related criminal prosecutions.

At the conclusion of this term appointment, the AUSA will not be automatically hired by this office as a permanent AUSA. However, the AUSA may apply for any vacant AUSA positions in the office after completing the 2 year term appointment.

**Qualifications:**

Required qualifications: Applicants must possess a J.D. degree, be an active member of the bar (any jurisdiction), and have at least 3 years of post-J.D. experience. Applicants are required to be a member of the Alabama Bar or willing to become a member within the first 24 months of employment. The person selected for this position must be fully and exclusively invested in the Northern District of Alabama.

Preferred qualifications: The preferred applicant for this position will have a solid academic background, strong legal research and writing skills, experience with complex case investigations, with a business, securities, or white collar litigation background, and five to seven years legal experience since law school.

**Travel:**

Occasional travel, both within and outside the District, may be required.

**Salary Information:**

Assistant United States Attorneys' pay is administratively determined based, in part, on the number years of professional attorney experience. The range of basic pay is \$44,581 to \$131,534 plus locality pay where authorized. However, it is expected that the initial starting salary will be approximately \$95,000.

**Location:**

This position is located in the Birmingham office. The Northern District is an area of rolling hills, beautiful lakes, downtown lofts, evening concerts in the park, nationally ranked restaurants, and an amusement and theme park.

**Relocation Expenses:**

Relocation expenses will not be authorized.

**Application Process  
and Deadline Date:**

All resumes/applications should be mailed to :

Human Resources  
United States Attorney's Office  
1801 Fourth Avenue North  
Birmingham, Alabama 35203

No telephone calls please.

Applications must be postmarked by the closing date of the announcement or March 13, 2012.

**Internet Sites:**

Other information about the United States Attorney's Office for the Northern District of Alabama may be found at:

<http://www.usdoj.gov/usao/aln>

This and other attorney vacancy announcements can be found at:

<http://www.usdoj.gov/oarm/attvacancies.html>

**Department Policies:**

Assistant United States Attorneys generally must reside in the district to which he or she is appointed. See 28 U.S.C. § 545 for district-specific information.

This position may be extended and/or made permanent without further competition.

The U.S. Department of Justice is an Equal Opportunity/Reasonable Accommodation Employer. Except where otherwise provided by law, there will be no discrimination because of color, race, religion, national origin, political affiliation, marital status, disability (physical or mental), age, sex, gender identity, sexual orientation, genetic information, status as a parent, membership or non-membership in an employee organization, on the basis of personal favoritism, or any non merit factor. The Department of Justice welcomes and encourages applications from persons with physical and mental disabilities. The Department is firmly committed to satisfying its affirmative obligations under the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, to ensure that persons with disabilities have every opportunity to be hired and advanced on the basis of merit within the Department of Justice. This agency provides reasonable accommodation to applicants with disabilities where appropriate. If you need a reasonable accommodation for any part of the application and hiring process, please notify the agency. Determinations on requests for reasonable accommodation will be made on a case-by-case basis.

It is the policy of the Department to achieve a drug-free workplace and persons selected for employment will be required to pass a drug test which screens for illegal drug use prior to final appointment. Employment is also contingent upon the completion and satisfactory adjudication of a background investigation. Only U.S. citizens are eligible for employment with the Executive Office for Immigration Review and the United States Attorneys' Offices. Unless otherwise indicated in a particular job advertisement, non-U.S. Citizens may apply for employment with other organizations, but should be advised that appointments of non-U.S. Citizens are extremely rare; such appointments would be possible only if necessary to accomplish the Department's mission and would be subject to strict security requirements. Applicants who hold dual citizenship in the U.S. and another country will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

There is no formal rating system for applying veterans' preference to attorney appointments in the excepted service; however, the Department of Justice considers veterans' preference eligibility as a positive factor in attorney hiring. Applicants eligible for veterans' preference must include that information in their cover letter or resume and attach supporting documentation (e.g., the DD 214, Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty and other supporting documentation) to their submissions. Although the "point" system is not used, per se, applicants eligible to claim 10-point preference must submit Standard Form (SF) 15, Application for 10-Point Veteran Preference, and submit the supporting documentation required for the specific type of preference claimed (visit the OPM website, [www.opm.gov/forms/pdf\\_fill/SF15.pdf](http://www.opm.gov/forms/pdf_fill/SF15.pdf) for a copy of SF 15, which lists the types of 10-point preferences and the required supporting document(s). Applicants should note that SF 15 requires supporting documentation associated with service-connected disabilities or receipt of nonservice-connected disability pensions to be dated 1991 or later except in the case of service members submitting official statements or retirement orders from a branch of the Armed Forces showing that his or her retirement was due to a permanent service-connected disability or that he/she was transferred to the permanent disability retired list (the statement or retirement orders must indicate that the disability is 10% or more).

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